

## In other news

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### White House honors LANL Foundation

The White House has named the nonprofit Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Foundation a “Bright Spot in Hispanic Education.”

Since 1997, the nonprofit LANL Foundation has invested in learning and human potential in the northern New Mexico communities surrounding Los Alamos National Laboratory. The foundation supports and runs programs that focus on early childhood learning; science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) elementary education; college access; and workforce development.

As a Bright Spot, the LANL Foundation will be part of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics’ online catalog that includes over 230 programs that invest in key education priorities for Hispanics.

“It is our privilege to serve the children and families of northern New Mexico, who are the reason for our work,” said Jenny Parks, LANL Foundation CEO. “We are honored to be named a Bright Spot in Hispanic Education in recognition of our programs aimed to build pathways to improve learning, encourage higher education and build a skilled local workforce.”

To learn more, go to the [White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics](#) and [LANL Foundation](#) websites. You also might enjoy the [LANL Foundation On Early Childhood Education, Inquiry Science, Scholarships](#) podcast recently produced by the Laboratory’s Community Programs Office.

#### Lab Director meets with Santa Clara Pueblo leaders

Laboratory Director Charles McMillan recently visited the Puye Cliff Dwellings with Santa Clara Pueblo Gov. J. Michael Chavarria and Santa Clara Pueblo Lt. Gov. James Naranjo. The Puye complex is the largest complex of its type on the Pajarito Plateau. The three leaders discussed a variety of topics of mutual interest.

#### Lab partners with colleges to help students make a good first impression

As part of an ongoing partnership with six regional colleges, Los Alamos National Laboratory and the Regional Development Corporation in Española is continuing to support the [Accelerate Technical Training and Job Placement](#) program in building an inventory of donated, gently-used clothing students can wear to job interviews or while working in an internship. The Laboratory’s most recent clothing drive ended on September 25 and resulted in two car loads of professional attire that will be dry-cleaned and sorted by size.

#### San Ildefonso Pueblo summer school emphasizes math and science learning

Sixty-four San Ildefonso Pueblo children ages five to 14 participated in a seven-week Summer Education Enhancement Program this season that emphasized math and science learning along with the language arts while also honoring pueblo tradition.

The program was able to recruit three math teachers and one scientist with financial help and support from Los Alamos National Laboratory and Los Alamos National Security, LLC.

The majority of classes were taught outdoors, including during field trips to places like Bandelier National Monument, in order to promote the connection between science and culture.

The students also visited the Bradbury Science Museum in Los Alamos and toured archaeological sites on Lab property.

“It is good for the students and for our cultural preservation to be able to show them where their ancestors came from, and how close it is to where we are today,” said Cultural Resources Advisor at San Ildefonso Pueblo, Bryan Montoya. “Collaborating with the Laboratory’s archaeologists to provide our students with these opportunities gives them a hands-on experience with their past, as well as a meaningful academic experience.”

#### Book fair raises funds for Food Depot

Los Alamos National Laboratory’s book fair last month raised \$2,613.12 for the [Food Depot](#) in Santa Fe. Laboratory employees and members of the public purchased donated books, compact discs, gifts and other seasonal items.

*Community Connections* features news and opportunities that grow out of the Laboratory's Good Neighbor Pledge: "To partner with our neighbors on strengthening math and science learning, diversifying the economy and expanding community giving in northern New Mexico."

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